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Official meetings

Wednesday, 20 September 2006

Security Council

10.30 a.m. — 5529th meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations in maintaining international peace and security

   Report of the Secretary-General on a regional-global security partnership: challenges and opportunities (S/2006/590)

   Letter dated 6 September 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2006/719)

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

10 a.m. — 12th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Hâmid Karzai, President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Martín Torrijos, President of the Republic of Panama

3. Address by Her Excellency Mrs. Michelle Bachelet Jeria, President of the Republic of Chile

4. Address by His Excellency Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Hugo Chávez Frías, President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

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6. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, President of the Republic of Maldives**

7. Continuation of the general debate [8]

Address by His Excellency Mr. Romano Prodi, Prime Minister of the Republic of Italy

Address by His Excellency Mr. Milo Djukanovic, President of the Government of the Republic of Montenegro

Address by His Excellency Sir Michael Somare, GCMG, CH, MP, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea

Address by His Excellency Mr. Esteban Lazo Hernandez, Vice-President of the Republic of Cuba

Qatar

3 p.m. 13th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Oscar Berger Perdomo, President of the Republic of Guatemala**

2. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Nestor Carlos Kirchner, President of the Argentine Republic**

3. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Robert Gabriel Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe**

4. Address by His Excellency Mr. Leonel Fernandez Reyna, President of the Dominican Republic

5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Boni Yayi, President of the Republic of Benin

6. Address by His Excellency Mr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, President of the United Republic of Tanzania

7. Address by His Excellency Mr. Hifikepunye Pohamba, President of the Republic of Namibia

8. Address by His Excellency Mr. Alfred Palacio, President of the Republic of Ecuador

9. Address by His Excellency Mr. Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea

10. Address by His Excellency Mr. Alfred Moisiu, President of the Republic of Albania

11. Address by His Excellency Mr. Fradique Bandeira Melo de Menezes, President of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe

12. Address by His Excellency Mr. Joseph Kabila Kabange, President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo

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Address by His Excellency The Honourable Dato' Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Prime Minister of Malaysia

Address by His Excellency Mr. Adnan Terzić, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Address by His Excellency Mr. Ivo Sanader, Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia

Kuwait

Israel

Belgium

Uganda

Yemen

Main Committees

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 1st meeting Conference Room 2

Organization of work (A/61/250, A/C.2/61/1 and A/C.2/61/L.1)

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

United Nations Operation in Burundi (ONUB)

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 20 September 2006

OIC Contact Group on Jammu and Kashmir (at the ministerial level)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Meeting of Senior Officials of the Human Security Network (organized by the Permanent Mission of Slovenia)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (Joint meeting of Second and Fifth Committee delegates in preparation of the Eighteenth Annual Meeting of Senior Officials)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Group of 77 (Eighteenth Annual Meeting of Senior Officials)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting *Economic and Social Council Chamber*

Rio Group (meeting with the Republic of Korea)

11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Arab Group (at the ministerial level)

5–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Other activities

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Wednesday, 20 September 2006

Enforced disappearances — Presentation of the draft international convention on the protection of all persons against enforced disappearances (organized by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Argentina and France)

From 10 to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 3.

[The draft international convention will be presented to the General Assembly for approval at its sixty-first session. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Fabiana Loguzzo (tel. 1 (212) 688-6300; e-mail argentina@un.int); or Mr. François Vandeville (tel. 1 (212) 702-4963; e-mail francois.vandeville @diplomatie.gouv.fr); press contact: Mr. Axel Cruau (tel. 1 (212) 702-4943; e-mail axel.cruau@diplomatie.gouv.fr).]

Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Thailand)

Small Group Meeting

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D (closed meeting).

[For further information, please contact Mr. Jak Sangchai, Permanent Mission of Thailand Mission (tel. 1 (212) 754-2230, ext. 141).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>

Wednesday, 20 September 2006

Room S-226

10.30 a.m.	H.E. Mr. Alexander Downer, Miniser for Foreign Affairs of Australia; H.E. Mr. Bernard Bot, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands; and others (on the Ministerial Meeting of the Friends of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty)
11 a.m.	H.E. Mr. Tassos Papadopoulos, President of the Republic of Cyprus
12 noon	Press briefing by the Spokesman
12.45 p.m.	H.E. Mr. Hugo Chávez Frías, President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
2.45 p.m.	H.E. General Pervez Musharraf, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
4 p.m.	H.E. Mr. Evo Morales Aima, President of the Constitutional Republic of Bolivia

Conference Room 4

2 p.m.	Middle East Quartet principals

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 21 September 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

10 a.m. 14th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Bingu Wa Mutharika, President of the Republic of Malawi
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Boris Tadić, President of the Republic of Serbia
3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Álvaro Uribe Vélez, President of the Republic of Colombia

4. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Émile Lahoud, President of the Lebanese Republic**

5. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Armando Emílio Guebuza, President of the Republic of Mozambique**

6. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Branko Crvenkovski, President of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**

7. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Pierre Nkurunziza, President of the Republic of Burundi**

8. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Marc Ravalomanana, President of the Republic of Madagascar**

9. **Address by His Excellency The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada**

10. **Address by His Excellency Mr. José Sócrates, Prime Minister of the Portuguese Republic**

11. **Address by His Excellency The Honourable Ralph Gonzalves, Prime Minister, Minister for Finance, Planning, Economic Development, Labour, Information, Grenadines and Legal Affairs of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines**

12. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Sidi Mohamed Ould Boubacar, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania**

3 p.m. 15th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Ahmed Abdallah Sambi, President of the Union of Comoros

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal

3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Valdas Adamkus, President of the Republic of Lithuania

4. Address by His Excellency Mr. Albert Pintat, President of the Principality of Andorra

5. Continuation of the general debate [8]

   Lesotho

   Samoa

   Slovakia

   Mongolia

   Sierra Leone

   Republic of Korea

   Japan

Russian Federation

Netherlands

Australia

Spain

Egypt

Mali

Palestine

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Informal consultations on agenda item 71 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held from Monday, 25, to Friday, 29 September 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 71 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments) will be held from Monday, 2, to Friday, 6 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6, and on Monday, 9 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Main Committees

First Committee

The First Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Thursday, 28 September 2006, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its tentative programme of work and timetable (A/60/524, Annexes).

The Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items from Monday, 2, to Monday, 9 October 2006. The list of speakers for the general debate is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to kindly contact Ms. Tiina Pessi (room S-2977EE; tel. 1 (917) 367-9327; e-mail pessi@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to Mr. Jarmo Sareva, Secretary of the First Committee, c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 1st meeting on Thursday, 28 September 2006, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its proposed organization of work (A/C.4/61/1[1], A/C.4/61/L.1[1], A/C.4/61/INF/1[1]) and an aide-mémoire on requests for hearing (1/06)[2].

The Committee will begin its substantive work on Monday, 2 October, at 3 p.m. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to decolonization items, which will begin on Monday, 2 October (see document A/C.4/61/L.1)[1] are kindly requested to notify Ms. Irina Bazarya (room S-2977H; tel. 1 (917) 367-9324; e-mail bazarya@un.org). Delegations are also reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (room S-2977K; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

[1] To be issued.

[2] To be distributed at the 1st meeting, on 28 September.

Second Committee

General debate

The Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 2 October 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, will make a statement.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate and for all other items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (tel. 1 (212) 963-7855); fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted to Ms. Vivian Pliner, Acting Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Third Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations are kindly requested to consult the draft programme of work of the Third Committee (A/C.3/61/L.1) prior to contacting the Secretariat with their request for inscription on the list (contact: Ms. Nancy Beteta (tel. 1 (212) 963-5722; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). The Committee will begin its work on Monday, 2 October 2006, at 10 a.m.

Participants

Delegations that have not submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are reminded to convey such information to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Friday, 29 September 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider its proposed programme of work. The status of preparedness of documentation for the Fifth Committee during the sixty-first session of the General Assembly will be issued in document A/C.5/61/L.1. The allocation of agenda items to the Fifth Committee will be issued as document A/C.5/61/1.

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted to Mr. Movses Abelian, Secretary of the Committee (room S 2633-A; fax 1 (212) 963-0360).

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities

Drafting Committee

The Drafting Committee of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities will hold its informal meetings from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Monday, 25 September 2006, in Conference Room 5, and on Friday, 29 September, in Conference Room C.

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 230th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be held on Friday, 29 September 2006, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The meeting will be open to observers. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee could be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, par. 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Chairman of the Committee or to the Secretary of the Committee (room S-3420H; fax 1 (212) 963-6430) any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund and of the United Nations Children's Fund

Informal consultation

An informal consultation on the progress report on joint UNDP/UNFPA/UNICEF consultations towards harmonized results-based budgeting will take place on Tuesday, 26 September 2006, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

General Assembly
Sixty-first session

General debate (19–22, 25–29 September 2006)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) for the general debate of the sixty-first regular session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (rooms S-2925 and S-2940B). The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the Permanent Missions (Office of the Permanent Representative).

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the General Assembly, a voluntary 15-minute time limit should be observed during the general debate. The list of speakers was prepared on the basis of this 15-minute time limit. To help speakers in the general debate respect the time limit, a mechanism will be installed at the rostrum of the General Assembly Hall.

Special ceremony

On the occasion of the International Day of Peace, the Secretary-General will ring the Peace Bell, at a ceremony to be held on Thursday, 21 September 2006, at 9.30 a.m., in the Japanese Garden in front of the United Nations conference building. The Secretary-General will deliver a message of peace and call to observe a minute of silence on that occasion.

All members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend both ceremonies and are expected to gather at the site fifteen minutes prior to the event.

Other forthcoming meetings

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OIC Committee on Palestine (at the ministerial level)

Thursday, 21 September 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

OIC Contact Group on Sierra Leone (at the ministerial level)

Thursday, 21 September 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Group of 77 (Thirtieth Annual Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs)

Friday, 22 September 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Fifth Meeting of Commonwealth Foreign Ministers (convened by the Commonwealth Secretariat)

Friday, 22 September 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Tania Tupou, Commonwealth Secretariat (tel. 1 (212) 599-4425; e-mail comsec@onecommonwealth.org).]

UNITAR English-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

From Tuesday, 26, to Thursday, 28 September 2006 in Conference Room 9.

[For more information, please contact Ms. Laura Faehndrich (tel. 1 (212) 963-9196; e-mail faehndrich@un.org).]

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 27 September 2006, from 3.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Briefing on "Developments in ocean affairs and the law of the sea" (co-organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS) of the Office of Legal Affairs)

Monday, 2 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and

Tuesday, 3 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m., in a conference room to be announced.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Catharina Goldschmidt, UNITAR (tel. 1 (212) 963-9196 or 963-9684; e-mail info@unitarny.org).]

Friends of the International Criminal Court

Meeting with the President of the Court

Wednesday, 4 October 2006, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6;

Meeting with the President of the Court (for the African Group)

Thursday, 5 October 2006, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Briefing by the Chief Prosecutor of the Court

Tuesday, 17 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Other forthcoming activities

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High-level Conference on Interfaith Cooperation for Peace (organized by the Permanent Mission of Philippines)

Thursday, 21 September 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Round table on "Women's role in combating desertification", on the occasion of the International Year of Deserts and Desertification (2006) (organized by IFAD and UN-OHRLLS, in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Japan)

Thursday, 21 September 2006, from 1 to 3 p.m., at the West Terrace, Room 6 (4th floor of the United Nations Building).

[For further information, please contact Ms. Carol Sakubita (tel. 1 (917) 367-5710; e-mail sakubita@un.org); Ms. Dorothy Davis (e-mail diasporantouch@aol.com); or Ms. Xenia Von Lilien-Waldau (tel. 1 (212) 963-0546; e-mail x.vonlilien-waldau@ifad.org or ifad@un.org).]

Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Thailand)

Foreign Ministers' Meeting

Thursday, 21 September 2006, from 3.45 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8 (closed meeting).

[For further information, please contact Mr. Jak Sangchai, Permanent Mission of Thailand Mission (tel. 1 (212) 754-2230, ext. 141).]

Inter-Ministerial Committee of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United Republic of Tanzania)

Friday, 22 September 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Panel discussion on "The education of girls in the developing world" (organized by the United States Mission)

Monday, 25 September 2006, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium:

From 1 to 2.30 p.m.: Panel discussion;

From 3 to 4 p.m.: Discussion groups on "Arts education of girls in the developing world", "The education of girls in the developing world within an Islamic context" and "The responsibility of Governments in the education of girls in the developing world"; and

From 4.30 to 5 p.m.: Wrap-up session.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerryp@state.gov).]

Briefing on the reports before the Third Committee under agenda sub-items 61 (a) (Advancement of women) and (b) (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly) (organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Tuesday, 26 September 2006, from 1.15 to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend.]

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 6 September 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 18 September 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

High-level Meeting on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

8th plenary meeting

Groups of countries in special situations: Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries [56 (a)]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/173)

(b) Report of the preparatory meeting of experts for the high-level meeting on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (A/61/323)

(c) Draft resolution (A/61/L.2)

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Juma Ngasongwa, Minister for Planning, Economy and Empowerment of the United Republic of Tanzania; H.E. Mr. Antonio Fernando, Minister of Industry and Trade of Mozambique; H.E. The Honourable Anand Sharma, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of India; H.E. Mr. Seydou Bouda, Minister of Economic Development of Burkina Faso; H.E. Mr. Patterson Oti, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Solomon Islands; H.E. Mr. Cheikh Tidiane Gadio, Senior Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Senegal; H.E. Mr. Jean Max Bellerive, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation of Haiti; H.E. The Honourable Dado' Seri Syed Hamid Albar, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malaysia; H.E. Mr. Eltigani Yousif Fidail, Minister of Economic Development of the Sudan; H.E. Mr. Jens Stoltenberg, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Norway; H.E. Mrs. Marie Goreth Nizigama, Minister of Planning of Burundi; H.E. Mr. Zhaoxing Li, Minister for Foreign Affairs of China; H.E. Mr. Chhay Than, Senior Minister, Minister of Planning of Cambodia; H.E. Mrs. Patrizia Sentinelli, Minister Delegate for Development Cooperation of Italy; H.E. Mr. Mohammed Bedjaoui, Minister of State, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Algeria; H.E. Dr. Abdullah Gül, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkey; H.E. Mr. Victor Manuel Barbosa Borges, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Communities of Cape Verde; H.E. Mr. Hassan Wirajuda, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia; H.E. The Honourable George Chaponda, MP, Minister of Local Government and Rural Development of Malawi; H.E. Mr. Lamin Kaba Bajo, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the Gambia; H.E. Mr. Fawzi Salloukh, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lebanon; H.E. Mr. Alberto Romulo, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Philippines; H.E. Ms. Hawa Ahmed Youssouf, Vice-Minister in-charge of the Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Djibouti; H.E. Mr. Sorajak Kasemsuvan, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand; H.E. Mr. Leire Pajin, Vice-Minister for International Cooperation of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain; H.E. Mr. Todor Tchurov, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria; H.E. The Honourable Semakula Kiwanuka, Minister of State for Investment, Ministry of Finance of Uganda; H.E. Mr. Ishrat Hussain, Chairman of the National Commission for Government Reforms of Pakistan; H.E. Mr. Ibrahim Sesay, Vice-Minister of Development and Economic Planning of Sierra Leone; H.E. Mr. Renaldo Bolivar, Deputy Minister for Africa of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; H.E. Mr. Baghirath Basnet, Acting Foreign Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nepal; H.E. Mr. Boroze Tchaa Lasigaisi,

Counsellor of the Economic Planning Minister of Togo; H.E. Mr. Hideki Ito, Deputy Director-General for Economic Affairs Bureau, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Japan; H.E. Mr. Pierre Chevalier, Chairman of the Delegation of Belgium; Ms. Nicole Ruder, on behalf of Mr. Walter Fust, Director-General of the Agency for Development and Cooperation of Switzerland; Mr. John Hewko, Vice-President, Millennium Challenge Corporation of United States; H.E. Ms. Rosemary Banks, Chairperson of the Delegation of New Zealand; H.E. Mr. Youssef Amrani, Director-General, Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Morocco; Mr. Ahmed Alyahya, Director for Research, Saudi Development Fund of Saudi Arabia; H.E. Mr. Arjan Paul Hamburger, Chairman of the Delegation of the Netherlands; H.E. Mr. Jamal Nasser Al-Bader, Chairman of the Delegation of Qatar; H.E. Mr. Nikolay Chulkov, Chairman of the Delegation of the Russian Federation; H.E. Mr. Anders Lidén, Chairman of the Delegation of Sweden; H.E. Ms. Fauzya Moore, Chairperson of the Delegation of Canada; H.E. Mr. Robert Hill, Chairman of the Delegation of Australia; H.E. Ms. Lucia Maierá, Chairperson of the Delegation of Brazil; Mrs. Manuela Fereira, Portuguese Institute for Development Assistance, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Portugal; H.E. Mr. Aly Diane, Chairman of the Delegation of Guinea; Mr. José Alberto Briz Gutiérrez, Chairman of the Delegation of Guatemala; H.E. Mr. Flavio González Pérez, Chairman of the Delegation of Cuba; H.E. Mr. Salihu Ahmed-Sambo, Chairman of the Delegation of Nigeria; H.E. Mr. Aboubacar Ibrahim Abani, Chairman of the Delegation of the Niger; H.E. Mr. Mohamed El-Mabruk, Chairman of the Delegation of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; and H.E. Archbishop Celestino Migliore, Chairman of the Observer Delegation of the Observer State of the Holy See.

Statements were also made by Mr. Luca Dall'Oglio, Permanent Observer of the International Organization for Migration; Mrs. Florence Mugasha, Deputy Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Secretariat; H.E. Mr. Angel Carro Castrillo, Chairman of the Observer Delegation of the European Community; and The Honourable Anne Makinda, Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

Tuesday, 19 September 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

High-level Meeting on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

9th plenary meeting

Groups of countries in special situations: Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries [56 (a)]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/173)

(b) Report of the preparatory meeting of experts for the high-level meeting on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (A/61/323)

(c) Draft resolution (A/61/L.2)

The General Assembly continued the High-level Meeting on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of action for the Least Developed Countries for the decade 2001-2010.

The representative of Norway made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/61/L.2.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/61/L.2 (resolution 61/1).

The representative of Benin made a statement after adoption.

The President made a closing statement.

The Assembly thus concluded the High-level meeting and this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 56.

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

10th plenary meeting

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization: presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report (A/61/1) [102]

The Secretary-General made a statement.

Opening of the general debate

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The General Assembly decided, as in previous sessions, that there would be a time limit of up to 15 minutes for each statement.

Address by H.E. Mr. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil

H.E. Mr. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. George W. Bush, President of the United States of America

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Address by H.E. Mr. Thabo Mbeki, President of the Republic of South Africa

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Address by H.E. Ms. Tarja Halonen, President of the Republic of Finland

H.E. Ms. Tarja Halonen, President of the Republic of Finland, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. General Pervez Musharraf, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

H.E. General Pervez Musharraf, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic

H.E. Mr. Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Lech Kaczyński, President of the Republic of Poland

H.E. Mr. Lech Kaczyński, President of the Republic of Poland, addressed the General Assembly.

11th plenary meeting — The summary of the 11th plenary meeting will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2006/182).

Summary of official meetings held away from Headquarters

Tuesday, 19 September 2006

Economic and Social Council

Seventeenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific
Bangkok, Thailand

3rd meeting — *Invited papers* [7]

The Conference continued its consideration of the item.

The President made a statement.

A presentation was made by Prof. Olaf Magnus Ostensen, Chairman of ISO/TC211 (E/CONF.97/6/IP.7).

A presentation was made by Mr. Bebas Purnawan, PCGIAP Task Force coordinator, Agency for Surveys and Mapping (BAKOSRUTANAL) (Indonesia) (E/CONF.97/6/IP.8). Comments were made by the representatives of Canada and Australia, to which Mr. Purnawan responded.

A presentation was made by Mr. Altaf Musani, Regional Adviser Emergency Preparedness Action, WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office (E/CONF.97/6/IP.9). Questions were posed by the representatives of Australia and Cyprus, to which Mr. Musani responded. The President also made a comment.

Presentations were made by Mr. Kemueli Masikerei, Chairman, PCGIAP Pacific Islands Group, Fiji (E/CONF.97/6/IP.10); Mr. Luis Alegria, Vice-president of PC-IDEA (E/CONF.97/6/IP.11); Prof. Ian Williamson, University of Melbourne, Australia (E/CONF.97/6/IP.12); Colonel Chaiwat Prom Thong, Royal Thai Survey Department (E/CONF.97/6/IP.13); Mr. Shigeru Matsuzaka, Geographical Survey Institute, Japan (E/CONF.97/6/IP.14); and Mr. Samad Hj. Abu, Department of Survey and Mapping, Malaysia (E/CONF.97/6/IP.15).

4th meeting

Invited papers [7]

The Conference continued its consideration of the item.

A presentation was made by Mr. Chaerul Hafidin, BAKOSRUTANAL (E/CONF.97/6/IP.16). Questions were posed by the representatives of Germany and Australia, to which Mr. Hafidin responded.

A presentation was made by Mr. Bill Shepherd, Environmental System Research Institute (ESRI) (E/CONF.97/6/IP.17). Comments were made and questions were posed by the representatives of Cyprus, Canada and Germany, to which Mr. Shepherd responded.

A presentation was made by Mr. Kazuo Ohta, Associate Senior Engineer, Earth Observation Research Center, Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA/EORC) (E/CONF.97/6/IP.18). Questions were posed by the President of the Conference and the representative of Germany, to which Mr. Ohta responded.

A presentation was made by Dr. Steeve Ebener, Project manager, SALB WHO (E/CONF.97/6/IP.19). Comments were made and questions were posed by the President of the Conference and the representative of Canada, to which Mr. Ebener responded.

A presentation was made by Mr. Kartlos Edilashvili, World Agency of Planetary Monitoring and Earthquake Risk Reduction (WAPMERR) (E/CONF.97/6/IP.20). A question was posed by the representative of Germany, to which Mr. Edilashvili responded.

A presentation was made by Mr. Wu Guoxiang of ESCAP (E/CONF.97/6/IP.21). A question was posed by the representative of ISPRS, to which Mr. Guoxiang responded.

Presentations were made by Mr. Jesper Moller, DevInfo Project Management UNDG (E/CONF.97/6/IP.22) and by Ms. Elizabeth Seamen, Ordnance Survey, United Kingdom (E/CONF.97/6/IP.23).

Organization of work

The President made a statement.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR). Geneva, 19 May 1956

Accession: Azerbaijan (18 September 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Accession: Maldives (19 September 2006)[1]

Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Accession: Maldives (19 September 2006)[1]

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Accession: Maldives (19 September 2006)[1]

Convention on the Recovery Abroad of Maintenance. New York, 20 June 1956

Accession: Ukraine (19 September 2006)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 18 December 2002

Ratification: Ukraine (19 September 2006)[1]

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Ratification: Indonesia (19 September 2006)[1]

United Nations Convention on Jurisdictional Immunities of States and Their Property. New York, 2 December 2004

Signature: Denmark (19 September 2006)

Signature: Switzerland (19 September 2006)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Switzerland (19 September 2006)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 8 December 2005

Signature: Australia (19 September 2006)

Signature: Netherlands (19 September 2006)

Signature: Spain (19 September 2006)

Signature: Switzerland (19 September 2006)

Signature: Tunisia (19 September 2006)

Signature: Ukraine (19 September 2006)

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

United Nations Convention on the Use of Electronic Communications in International Contracts, New York, 23 November 2005

Signature: Madagascar (19 September 2006)

International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006, Geneva, 27 January 2006

Signature: Madagascar (19 September 2006)

Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, Jakarta, 12 April 2006

Proposal of corrections to the Chinese text of Annex I of the Agreement

Treaty event

Multilateral Treaty Framework: An invitation to Universal Participation
Focus 2006: Crossing Borders

United Nations Headquarters
(13–15 and 19–20 September 2006)

The Treaty Event will continue at Headquarters *today*, 20 September 2006. The list of treaties being highlighted this year has been circulated by depositary notification C.N.136.2006 dated 10 February 2006. As is customary, it will be possible to undertake treaty actions with regard to any treaty deposited with the Secretary-General during the Treaty Event. Necessary facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations intending to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General during the Treaty Event may wish to inform their Governments accordingly for the purpose of completing the requisite domestic procedures.

Under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. All other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Likewise, instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession must be issued and signed by the same authorities.

Further information concerning the Focus 2006 Treaty Event is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site (<http://untreaty.un.org>) and at the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (contact Ms. Sherry Holbrook or Mr. Bradford Smith (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047). Information concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the Treaty Handbook, which is also available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site.

Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network
Jakarta, 12 April 2006

Opening for signature

The above Agreement was adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-second session by resolution number 62/4 on the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 12 April 2006.

It shall be open for signature by States, which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, at Busan, Republic of Korea, on 10 and 11 November 2006, during the Ministerial Conference on Transport, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 16 November 2006 to 31 December 2008.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as feasible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify and, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *September 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Egypt
H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz

Asian States:
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
H.E. Mr. M. Javad Zarif

Eastern European States:
Belarus
H.E. Mr. Andrei Dapkiunas

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Dominican Republic
H.E. Mr. Erasmo Lara-Peña

Western European and other States:
Italy
H.E. Mr. Marcello Spatafora

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 19 September 2006.

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General Assembly	**Official Records**
	Sixtieth session
A/60/PV.84	Meeting held on 31 May 2006, 9 a.m. [R]
General Assembly	**Documents**
	Sixty-first session
A/61/251	Agenda of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/61/255/Add.1	Items 46, 110, 114, 115, 120, 121, 130, 145 and 148 of the provisional agenda — Integrated and coordinated implementation and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields — Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit — Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations — Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations — Human resources management — Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations — Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara — United Nations reform: measures and proposals — Investing in people — Report of the Secretary-General — Reforming the Field Service category: Investing in meeting the human resources requirements of United Nations peace operations in the twenty-first century [A C E F R S]
A/61/257/Add.3	Item 121 of the provisional agenda — Human resources management — Consultants and individual contractors — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/61/259	Item 66 (a) of the provisional agenda — Promotion and protection of human rights: implementation of human rights instruments — Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/268	Item 52 (b) of the provisional agenda — Sustainable development: follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States — Promoting an integrated management approach to the Caribbean Sea area in the context of sustainable development — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/271–S/2006/666	Item 71 of the provisional agenda — Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/346*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]

Security Council	**Documents**
A/61/271–S/2006/666	Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
S/2006/738	Letter dated 13 September 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2006/743	Twelfth progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Liberia [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5527	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5528	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]

Economic and Social Council

	Documents
	Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters **Second session**
E/C.18/2006/4	Proposal for amendments to article 5 of the United Nations Model Double Taxation Convention between Developed and Developing Countries [A C E F R S]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

	Documents
	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women **Pre-session working group** **Thirty-seventh session**
CEDAW/C/TJK/Q/3	List of issues and questions with regard to the consideration of the periodic reports — Tajikistan [A C E F R S]

Secretariat

ST/IC/2006/38 Information circular — Pensionable remuneration for staff in the Professional and higher categories and for staff in the Field Service category [E]

Communications to the Editor

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